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RACHEL CARSON COUNCIL SPECIAL UPDATE

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Today, Gov. Roy Cooper of North Carolina and his Department of Environmental Quality approved a Water Quality Permit for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. This permit is needed to allow Dominion and Duke to construct their highly controversial \$5



billion pipeline. The Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) would carry fracked gas from West Virginia, through Virginia, and into eastern North Carolina.

Dr. Robert K. Musil, President and CEO of the Rachel Carson Council, an

environmental organization that published *Blast Zone: Fracked Gas and the Atlantic Coast Pipeline: Causes, Consequences and Civic Action* said "Gov. Cooper has been an environmental champion for North Carolina--and recently stood up to stop offshore drilling--so we are deeply disappointed that he is pressuring DEQ to approve these permits." Musil, one of *Blast Zone's* authors, added, "The ACP will not create jobs, lower energy bills, and will destroy the properties and livelihoods of North Carolinians who live along its route. All to give a 15% return (\$200 million of billpayers' money in Virginia alone) to Atlantic and deliver energy that's not even needed!"

Fracked gas pipelines across the nation cause water and air pollution, explode, and contribute directly to global climate change by leaking methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

The Rachel Carson Council will continue to work with its environmental and social justice allies in North Carolina and nationwide to oppose the construction of the ACP which, if built, will be an environmental and climate disaster. The project offers no substantial economic benefits and poses grave risks to human and environmental well-being.


Take action today by calling Gov. Cooper at **919-814-2000** to express your disappointment with this decision.



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